

I CLAIM:

1. A window assembly, comprising  
a window frame including a pair of frame side portions connected to a pair of frame end portions;  
5 at least one sash having a sash frame including a pair of end rails and a pair of side rails interconnecting said end rails, said at least one sash being movable in a plane within said window frame between a closed position in which one of said end rails is adjacent one of said frame end portions, and an open position in which said one of said end rails is spaced from said one of said frame end portions;  
10 / a first member projecting from said one of said frame end portions toward said one of said end rails, said first member having an inner surface facing in a first direction transverse to said plane;  
15 a second member projecting from said one of said end rails toward said one of said frame end portions, said second member having an outer surface facing in a second direction opposite said first direction;  
20 said first and second members being positioned adjacent one another in said closed position of said at least one sash with said inner surface of said first member confronting said outer surface of said second member so as to prevent movement of said at least one sash in said second direction.
2. The window assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first member comprises a rib projecting from said one of said frame end portions.  
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3. The window assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein said rib projects from said one of said frame end portions continuously from one of said frame side portions to the other one of said frame side portions.  
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4. The window assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein said second member comprises a plurality of

structures projecting at spaced intervals from said one of said end rails.

5. The window assembly as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein said second member comprises a rib projecting  
5 from said one of said end rails continuously from one of  
said side rails to the other one of said side rails.

6. The window assembly as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein said first member comprises a plurality of  
structures projecting at spaced intervals from said one  
10 of said frame end portions.

7. The window assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second member comprises a rib projecting from said one of said end rails.

15        8. The window assembly as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein said rib projects from said one of said end rails  
continuously from one of said side rails to the other one  
of said side rails.

9. The window assembly as claimed in claim 8,  
wherein said first member comprises a plurality of  
structures projecting at spaced intervals from said one  
of said frame end portions.

10. The window assembly as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein said second member comprises a plurality of  
structures projecting at first spaced intervals from said  
one of said end rails.

11. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
10, wherein said first member comprises a plurality of  
structures projecting at second spaced intervals from  
said one of said frame end portions, said second spaced  
intervals corresponding to said first spaced intervals.  
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~~12.~~ A window assembly, comprising  
a window frame including a pair of frame  
side portions connected to a pair of frame end portions;  
at least one sash having a sash frame  
including a pair of end rails and a pair of side rails  
interconnecting said end rails, said at least one sash

being movable in a plane within said window frame between  
a closed position in which one of said end rails is  
adjacent one of said frame end portions, and an open  
position in which said one of said end rails is spaced  
5 from said one of said frame end portions;

a projecting member projecting from said  
one of said frame end portions toward said one of said  
end rails; and

10 a recess formed in said one of said end  
rails and being sized and shaped for receiving said  
projecting member in said closed position of said at  
least one sash.

15 13. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
12, wherein said projecting member comprises a rib  
projecting from said one of said frame end portions.

14. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
13, wherein said rib projects from said one of said frame  
end portions continuously from one of said frame side  
portions to the other one of said frame side portions.

20 15. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
14, wherein said recess comprises a channel extending  
continuously in said one of said end rails from one of  
said side rails to the other one of said side rails.

25 16. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
12, wherein said projecting member comprises a plurality  
of structures projecting at spaced intervals from said  
one of said frame end portions.

30 17. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
16, wherein said recess comprises a channel extending  
continuously in said one of said end rails from one of  
said side rails to the other one of side rails.

35 18. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
12, wherein said projecting member comprises a plurality  
of structures projecting at first spaced intervals from  
said one of said frame end portions, and said recess  
comprises a plurality of recessed portions formed at

second spaced intervals in said one of said end rails, said second spaced intervals corresponding to said first spaced intervals, each one of said plurality of recessed portions being sized and shaped for receiving a  
5 corresponding one of said plurality of projecting structures in said closed position of said at least one sash.

19. A window assembly, comprising  
a window frame including a pair of frame  
10 side portions connected to a pair of frame end portions;  
at least one sash having a sash frame  
including a pair of end rails and a pair of side rails  
interconnecting said end rails, said at least one sash  
being movable in a plane within said window frame between  
15 a closed position in which one of said end rails is  
adjacent one of said frame end portions, and an open  
position in which said one of said end rails is spaced  
from said one of said frame end portions;  
a projecting member projecting from said  
20 one of said end rails toward said one of said frame end  
portions; and  
a recess formed in said one of said frame  
end portions and being sized and shaped for receiving  
said projecting member in said closed position of said at  
25 least one sash.

20. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
19, wherein said projecting member comprises a rib  
projecting from said one of said end rails.

21. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
30 20, wherein said rib projects from said one of said end  
rails continuously from one of said side rails to the  
other one of said side rails.

22. The window assembly as claimed in claim  
21, wherein said recess comprises a channel extending  
35 continuously in said one of said frame end portions from

one of said frame side portions to the other one of said frame side portions.

23. The window assembly as claimed in claim 19, wherein said projecting member comprises a plurality 5 of structures projecting at spaced intervals from said one of said end rails.

24. The window assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein said recess comprises a channel extending continuously in said one of said frame end portions from 10 one of said frame side portions to the other one of said frame side portions.

25. The window assembly as claimed in claim 19, wherein said projecting member comprises a plurality 15 of structures projecting at first spaced intervals from said one of said end rails, and said recess comprises a plurality of recessed portions formed at second spaced intervals in said one of said frame end portions, said second spaced intervals corresponding to said first spaced intervals, each one of said plurality of recessed 20 portions being sized and shaped for receiving a corresponding one of said plurality of projecting structures in said closed position of said at least one sash.